

**Waterville Parks and Recreation**  
**Coed League**  
**Organizational Meeting**  
**March 30, 2010**

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**WATERVILLE PARKS AND REC**  
**2009-2010 BASH COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
**RULES AND GUIDELINES**

**General Provisions**

- 1) The league fee must be paid by **April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009-2010**. Checks should be made payable to the City of Waterville. The league fee for the 2010 season will be \$175.00. There is a \$5.00 fee for all players that are not residents of the City of Waterville. The non-resident fee is due by June 4, 2010.
- 2) League rosters must be submitted to the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department by **May 15, 2009 June 4, 2010**. Changes to rosters can be made up until the team's fourth-sixth scheduled game. Changes after that are made at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department. Teams will be prohibited from participating in the end of the season tournament if a complete roster is not submitted to the Department.
- 3) Females may participate in both divisions—males may only participate in one division. Players may only be registered on **ONE** roster and participate on **ONE** team. Any male participating in the summer mens league is prohibited from playing on a Bash division team. He may play on a Smash division team.
- 4) Alcohol will not be permitted in or around playing areas. This includes parking lots near the fields. Smoking is prohibited at all fields located at schools, including Reed and Herlihy. Smoking is prohibited on all fields and in dugouts.
- 5) Once the season has started, or if you are prohibited from playing on a Waterville field, there will be no refunds of your league fee. Any refund prior to the start of the season will be at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Department.
- 6) Prior to the start of the game, each team shall present the umpire with \$15. The home team is responsible for providing the umpire with game balls.
- 7) Games will be scheduled for 6:00pm and 7:15, whenever possible. Forfeit time is the start of the game, no exceptions.
- 5)8) Should games be canceled at the field by the umpire, both teams are responsible for compensating the umpire. If a team forfeits a game at the field, the team who forfeits will pay the umpire \$30. If both teams forfeit, each will pay \$15. Teams will be removed from the schedule for any forfeit fees owed until they are paid to the umpire or Waterville Parks & Recreation.

**Games will be governed by current ASA Coed Softball Playing Rules with the following exceptions:**

- 1) Current league players are discouraged from participating.
- 2) Players must be at least 16 years of age.
- 3) Each team should have four women on the field the entire game. If less than four women are present, teams may field a **MAXIMUM** of six men.
- 4) Whenever a team is playing with less than four women, an out will be taken when the absent female(s) position(s) in the batting order appears. This rule applies to playoffs only. During the regular season you will not be forced to take an out for one female being absent; however if two females are missing the out must be taken.
- 5) Free substitution is permitted; however, to do this, a batting lineup must include **ALL** players and remain **CONSTANT**. Batting order must alternate by gender as follows:

1. F (Female must lead off)	8. M
2. M	9. M
3. M	10. F
4. F	11. M
5. M	12. M
6. M	
7. F	
- 5) If a team has more than 12 players at a game, they MUST have a fifth female hitting 13<sup>th</sup> or rotate any remaining male batters with those in the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> spots. This rule will be in effect throughout the entire season.
- 6) The following pitching rules will apply:
  1. 4-86-10 foot arch on the pitch.
  2. Switching the ball depending on the batter (11" ball for women; 12" ball for men).
- 7) Batters will begin with one ball and one strike. A batter is out after three swinging strikes (regardless of gender). This includes a foul ball after two strikes.
- 8) Three over the fence homeruns are allowed per team per game. Additional over the fence homeruns constitute an out.
- 9) If a team is ahead by 12 or more runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings, the game will be declared finished.
- 10) Metal cleats are not permitted.



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- 11) All players on the field must bat. You can not have a player on the field and rotate them out of the batting order for any reason. If the player is unable to bat for any reason, they can not be on the playing field at any time beyond their first scheduled at bat.
- 12) Courtesy runners are allowed if the player is unable to run the bases due to an injury occurring on the playing field. If a player runs beyond first base, they can not request a courtesy runner unless the injury occurs during that at bat. Courtesy runners will not be used for the same player throughout the game. If the player can not run, they can not be on the playing field. If a female requests a courtesy runner, the last female called out will be the runner. If a male requests a courtesy runner, the last male called out will be the runner.
- 13) The Parks and Recreation Department will determine rainouts. Some of the fields hold water worse than others so we may cancel games based on the individual field condition. Therefore there will be times when some fields are open and others are not. Only captains may call in for cancellation information. Parks and Recreation will send an email to those captains when games have been canceled. Any team found on a field after a rain cancellation, or when an employee of the Parks and Recreation Department deems the field unplayable will be sanctioned as the Parks and Recreation Department deems necessary. Waterville Parks and Recreation will review each violation individually and will determine the sanction at that time.
- 14) Use of bats listed on the current ASA banned bat list is strictly prohibited. If any member of your team is caught using a banned bat, the player will be banned from playing on any Waterville field for one year from the date that you are caught and the entire team will be warned. If any player from that team is caught using a banned bat after the warning, the entire team will be banned for one year from the date that you are caught. This includes any tournaments that are held in Waterville, whether or not they are sponsored by the Waterville Parks and Recreation department. Your team is subject to an official checking all bats at any time during a game.
- 15) There will be no composite bats, double walled or Freak bats allowed in this division.
- 16) If a team forfeits three (3) games, they will be removed from the league with no refund. Games that were scheduled for the remainder of the season may be rescheduled. Rescheduling is at the sole discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.

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Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_ (This will be how we send all information for the league)

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In consideration of the above listed program, I hereby hold harmless the City of Waterville, Waterville Parks and Recreation, and any of its employees, officers, agents, supervisors, and volunteers from any and all liability which may arise as a result of injury or injuries in the participation of the program described above.

\* ROSTERS ARE DUE BY JUNE 4, 2010. ROSTERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF SIGNATURES ARE MISSING.



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- 5) Once the season has started, or if you are prohibited from playing on a Waterville field, there will be no refunds of your league fee. Any refunds prior to the start of the season are at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Department.
- 6) Should games be canceled at the field by the umpire, both teams are responsible for compensating the umpire. If a team forfeits a game at the field, the team who forfeits will pay the official \$30. If both teams forfeit, each team will pay \$15. Teams will be removed from the schedule for any forfeit fees owed until they are paid to the umpire or Waterville Parks & Recreation.
- 5)7) If a team forfeits three (3) games, they will be removed from the league with no refund. Games that were scheduled for the remainder of the season may be rescheduled. Rescheduling is at the sole discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Games will be governed by current ASA Coed Softball Playing Rules with the following exceptions:**

- 1) There is ~~a 15 minute~~ forfeit time past the scheduled game time. This forfeit time only applies to the **FIRST** game scheduled at Rummel field and games at Reed, Couture, Waterville High School, and Herlihy fields. Games will be scheduled at 6:00pm and 7:15pm, whenever possible.
- 2) Players must be at least 18 years of age.
- 3) Each team should have four women on the field the entire game. If less than four women are present, teams may field a **MAXIMUM** of six men.
- 4) Whenever a team is playing with less than four women, an out will be taken when the absent female(s) position(s) in the batting order appears. You will not be forced to take an out for one female being absent; however if two females are missing the out must be taken.
- 5) ~~Batters will start with a one ball, one strike count.~~
- 6)5) Three over the fence homeruns are allowed per team per game. Additional over the fence homeruns constitute an out.
- 7) ~~If a team is ahead by 12 or more runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings, the game will be declared finished.~~
- 8)6) Metal cleats are not permitted.
- 9)7) The Parks and Recreation Department will determine rainouts. Some of the fields hold water worse than others, so we may cancel games based on the individual field condition. Therefore there will be times when some fields are open and others are not. Only captains may call in for cancellation information. Parks and Recreation will send an email to those captains when games have been cancelled. Any team found on a field after a rain cancellation, or when an employee of the Parks and Recreation Department deems the field unplayable will be sanctioned as the Parks and Recreation Department deems necessary. Waterville Parks and Recreation will review each violation individually and will determine the sanction at that time.
- 10)8) If a player or coach is ejected from the game by the umpire, he or she will not be permitted to participate in the next scheduled game. If a player or coach is ejected a second time by the umpire,



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he or she will not be permitted to participate in the next **three** scheduled games. A third ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.

41)9) The **HOME** team will be responsible for keeping the official book ~~unless a staff member of the Parks and Recreation Department is present in which case he/she will keep the official book.~~

42)10) Use of banned ASA bats is strictly prohibited. If any member of your team is caught using a banned bat, the player will be banned from playing on any Waterville field for one year from the date that you are caught and the entire team will be warned. If any player from that team is caught using a banned bat after the warning, the entire team will be banned for one year from the date that you are caught. This includes any tournaments that are held in Waterville, whether or not they are sponsored by the Waterville Parks and Recreation department. Your team is subject to an official checking all bats at any time during a game.

43)11) Courtesy runners are allowed if the player is unable to run due to an injury occurring on the playing field. If a player runs beyond first base, they can not request a courtesy runner unless the injury occurs during that at bat. Courtesy runners will not be used for the same player throughout the game. If a player can not run, they can not be on the playing field. If a female requests a courtesy runner, the last female called out will be the runner. If a male requests a courtesy runner, the last male called out will be the runner.

44)12) Prior to the start of the game, each team will provide an umpire with a line up card, new ball, and \$15.

45)13) Batting order must be alternating by gender. If you have a male EP, you must also have a female EP. At no time will a team be permitted to have female players on the bench, but play with less than four females on the field (ie. if you have four females on the bench, they must all play on the field).

46)14) The following pitching rules will apply:

- 6-~~12~~-10 foot arch on the pitch.
- Switching the ball depending on the batter (11" ball for women; 12" ball for men).

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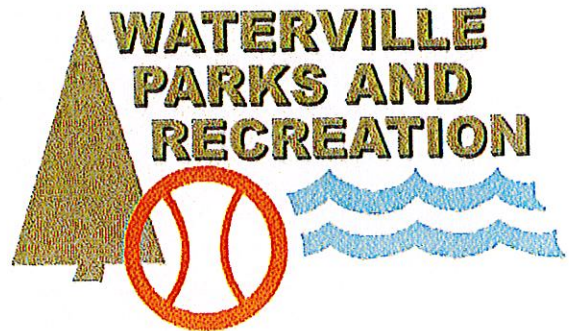
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# Memo

To: 2010 Captains  
From: Bobbie-Jo Green  
Recreation Coordinator  
Date: 3/16/10  
Re: Lights, Smoking & League Commissioner

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## LIGHTS AT RUMMELS FIELD

In the past there has been some confusion on who is responsible for turning on and off lights at Rummels field each night that games are held there.

All officials will be given a key to the bathhouse and they shall be responsible for turning on the lights. Lights **should not** be turned on for all games, just when they are necessary to maintain a safe environment to play. Many other fields are not lit and are able to be played on until 8:30 pm most nights. Turning the lights on only when needed will reduce the cost of electricity significantly.

Since many teams take so long leaving the field after the final game, it will be the responsibility of the Home Team Captain to make sure that the lights are shut off and the gate to the bathhouse is locked after the final game. It is extremely important that this happens to keep electricity costs down and reduce the likelihood of vandalism in the bathhouse. If we find that the Captains are not shutting off the lights, we will return to having the officials shutting off the lights whether or not anyone is up at the field.

## SMOKING

PLEASE do not smoke on any of the fields as this causes additional work for the parks staff to clean up the field each week. Also, it is State Law that ALL smoking is prohibited from any school grounds, all day, every day. This includes fields and parking lots at Reed, Herlihy and the High School.

## LEAGUE COMMISSIONER

Announcement: Jeff Marshall will be acting as League Commissioner this season. As you may know, Jeff has been involved with softball in Central Maine for several years. He understands the League from several different perspectives including; umpires, players and fans. Jeff's role, in accordance with Waterville Parks and Recreation, will be to listen and respond to players thoughts, ideas and concerns regarding the League. He will also be available to help interpret rules. We feel that Jeff's experience, along with his passion for the game will serve all participants well.

All information concerning your division is on our website at <http://www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks>. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 680-4744 or by email at [bgreen@waterville-me.gov](mailto:bgreen@waterville-me.gov).